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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRN, PE
SUBJECT: CIVAIR - AIRPORT SECURITY
REF: STATE 65555; (B) STATE 65557
1. IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT/FAA,REPRESENTATIVES OF US CARRIERS COMPLAINED THAT SECURITY AT LIMA AIRPORT IS DEFICIENT ON ALL EIGHT POINTS IN REFTEL (B). ALSO POINTED OUT THAT LIMA IS KEY POINT IN SOUTH AMERICAN AIR TRANSPORT NETWORK AND PARTICULARLY ASKED DEPT ASSISTANCE IN IMPROVING SECURITY THERE.

2. AVOIDING REFERENCE TO SOURCE OF CRITICISM AND USING WHATEVER ELEMENTS OF COUNTRY TEAM BEST SUITED FOR PURPOSE, EMBASSY SHOULD DO WHAT IT CAN TO ENCOURAGE IMPROVEMENT IN SECURITY AT LIMA AIRPORT. IN EMBASSY DISCRETION, IT MAY INDICATE US CONCERN FORMALLY OR ALTERNATIVELY SEEK TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTION THROUGH INFORMAL CONTACTS. IT MAY BE USEFUL TO POINT OUT THAT COUNTRIES IN ALL AREAS OF THE WORLD ARE ADOPTING THESE MEASURES AS IT BECOMES IN-CREASINGLY EVIDENT THAT NO COUNTRY CAN ESCAPE THE ESSENTIAL VULNERABILITY OF AIR TRANSPORT TO TERRORISTS ATTACKS OFTEN BY GROUPS INTERESTED IN OBJECTIVES OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE ATTACK IS MADE.
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3. ONCE INTEREST ON THE PART OF PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES IS AROUSED, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO SUGGEST VISIT OF FAA SECURITY OFFICIAL TO PERU OR PARTICIPATION OF PERUVIAN OFFICIALS IN BRIEFING OR TRAINING PROGRAMS IN US (REF STATE A-1288, FEB 12, 1973). IN DISCUSSING VISITS IN EITHER DIRECTION, EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE ESSENTIALLY RECIPROCAL NATURE OF THESE PROGRAMS AND US DESIRE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON TECHNIQUES TO COMBAT HIJACKING AND ATTACKS ON CIVIL AIRPORTS AND AIRCRAFT.

4. US AIRLINE REPS AT MEETING REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED US TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS TRUE THAT PERUVIAN LAW PREVENTS AN INTERNATIONAL CARRIER FROM CONDUCTING ITS OWN PASSENGER SEARCH AND SCREENING OPERATION AND THAT THIS FUNCTION MAY ONLY BE PERFORMED BY PIP.

5. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON SECURITY AT LIMA AIRPORT INCLUDING, BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO CRITERIA MENTIONED IN REFTEL (B) WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. RUSH

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